

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 562  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 562 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to an exemption from jury duty in certain counties.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 62.106, Government Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:  
1-14 Sec. 62.106. EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE. (a) A person  
1-15 qualified to serve as a petit juror may establish an exemption from  
1-16 jury service if the person:  
1-17 (1) is over 70 years of age;  
1-18 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 10 years  
1-19 of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving the  
1-20 child without adequate supervision;  
1-21 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary  
1-22 school;  
1-23 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an  
1-24 institution of higher education;  
1-25 (5) is an officer or an employee of the senate, the  
1-26 house of representatives, or any department, commission, board,  
1-27 office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state  
1-28 government;  
1-29 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a  
1-30 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan  
1-31 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section  
1-32 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit  
1-33 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date  
1-34 the person is to appear for jury service;  
1-35 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is an  
1-36 invalid unable to care for himself;  
1-37 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned  
1-38 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and  
1-39 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the  
1-40 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for  
1-41 jury service; ~~or~~  
1-42 (9) except as provided by Subsection (b), was  
1-43 previously summoned to appear in the same county during the  
1-44 36-month period preceding the date the person is to appear as  
1-45 provided by the current summons, regardless of whether the person  
1-46 was selected to serve as a petit juror as a result of the previous  
1-47 summons, and the county in which the person is summoned to appear:  
1-48 (A) has a population of 1.4 million or more; and  
1-49 (B) has within its boundaries at least two  
1-50 municipalities that each have a population of 300,000 or more; or  
1-51 (10) is a member of the United States military forces  
1-52 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the  
1-53 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.  
1-54 (b) Subsections ~~Subsection~~ (a)(8) and (9) do ~~does~~  
1-55 not apply if the jury wheel in the county has been reconstituted after  
1-56 the date the person was summoned to appear for service ~~served~~  
1-57 as a petit juror.  
1-58 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-59 to a person summoned to appear for jury service who is required to  
1-60 appear on or after the effective date of this Act. A person  
1-61 summoned to appear for jury service who is required to appear before  
1-62 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on  
1-63 the date the person is required to appear, and the former law is

2-1 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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